

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Land Use**

**Re: 945 Second Avenue Text Amendment/ ZR Sec. 32-41. Application # N130232ZRM by the Department of City Planning to amend Zoning Resolution Section 32-421. The proposed text amendment would allow non-residential use on the second story of a building in the affected districts constructed after September 17, 1970 if the second story on the date of referral was not occupied by a community facility use, dwelling unit or rooming unit.**

**Full Board Vote: 33 In Favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- While other affected Boards were given the opportunity to comment, CB-2, CB-3, CB-5 and CB-11 waived hearing this application owing to no knowledge of the particular site of neighborhood concerns. However, CB-4 was sensitive to potential harassment issues regarding existing residential tenants. Our understanding of the issues regarding the potential downside of limiting expansion of successful establishments, having been involved in the refinement of other similar text amendments related to retail establishments, most notably approval of the recent *Special Enhanced Commercial District Upper West Side Neighborhood Retail Streets Text Amendment*, approved by the City Council on June 28, 2012, the Land Use Committee of Community Board 7 / Manhattan, we were confident that we would comment on this particular out-of-district application.
- Furthermore, in reaching our conclusions, because CB7 has been involved in seeking solutions to encourage smaller businesses and because we have a significant number of second floor commercial users throughout our district, having relied on the facts and the specific and limited circumstances where this text amendment could apply, we are able to support this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 / Manhattan **approves** of the proposed text amendment that would affect a limited number of pre-1970 properties and also seeks to protect existing residential tenants in these types of buildings.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 135 Central Park West (West 73<sup>rd</sup> – 74<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for restoration/replacement of two entry vestibule doors, which flank the main entrance doors.**

**Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- The existing copper clad wood doors are in poor condition, no longer operate properly because of malfunctioning hardware, and are not able to be locked.
- The existing doors will be restored and re-clad with copper, to match the copper of the new center door pair (previously approved).
- The existing door frames and moldings will also be re-clad in copper.
- New hardware and new locking systems will be installed

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the restored side entry doors is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the two restored entry doors. The Preservation Committee commends the applicant on a very clear and thorough presentation.

*Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 125 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application #13-1235 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to alter the areaway and install new walls and railings.**

**Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- The original stoop was removed many years ago, so that the building entrance is several steps down from the sidewalk, accessed through the shallow areaway.
- The existing areaway will be extended five feet forward, to align with the base of the original stoop.
- The existing four steps down to the areaway and building entrance will be replaced by two pairs of steps, separated by a landing. These will be contained within railing side walls which approximate the gentler slope of the original stoop railings.
- The areaway's outer walls, step railing walls and steps will all be clad in brownstone-colored cementitious material to match the restored front façade.
- The areaway will be paved with bluestone.
- Small square-shaped opening (details from the original stoop) will be incorporated into the areaway's outer walls.
- Metal scrollwork design for the planter box railing enclosure will be modeled on the design of the existing metal railings of the balustrade which caps the existing bay window above.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the altered areaway, new walls and railings is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the alterations to the areaway, new walls and railings.

*Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 52 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application #14-0283 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of security cameras and intercom installed without Landmarks Preservation Commission permit(s), and areaway and stoop alterations completed in non-compliance with Certificate of No Effect 09-0606.**

**Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- The recently-restored stoop is light-colored to match the light-colored restored façade.
- New domed security cameras have been mounted on light-colored back plates on flat (unornamented areas of the stoop (inner surface of entry pediment support bracket) and façade (far right at the Garden level.)
- New intercom with light-colored back plate have been mounted on flat portion of areaway/stoop side wall.
- Several step lights have been recessed into the side walls of the stoop and planter box to light up the upper and lower steps.
- The stoop steps and the areaway have been paved in bluestone.
- The existing planter box has been enlarged from five to ten feet to accommodate a newly-planted Japanese Maple tree.
- The planter box is clad and capped in bluestone. The Preservation Committee strongly recommends that there be some form of articulation distinguishing the vertical bluestone-faced sides of the planter box from the horizontal cap.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the previously constructed stoop alterations, and the previously installed security cameras and intercoms are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the Historic District. The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan further believes that the design of the previously constructed areaway, modified to incorporate the Committee's recommendation to create an articulation between the vertical cladding and the horizontal cap of the planter box is also reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the design of the previously constructed areaway and stoop alterations, and the previously installed security cameras and intercoms, with the strong recommendation to articulate the distinction between the vertical surfaces and the horizontal cap of the planter box .

*Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-1-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 327 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace the newels and front handrails with new cast stone pieces.**

**Full Board Vote: 29 In Favor 0 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- The existing brownstone newel posts and handrails are in very poor condition.
- Detailed research and investigation of the existing conditions have led to the conclusion that the structural core of the newels and balusters are too deteriorated to be restored.
- New cast stone newel posts and handrails will be created, copied from the originals. The cast stone will be integrally colored brown to match the color of the building's restored brownstone façade. Finely-ground mica may be added to create a bit of understated sparkle.
- The new newel posts will be cast in 3 sections, pinned together with stainless steel pins.
- The handrails will be cast in 4 to 4.5 foot long sections, joined with stainless steel pins.
- Brownstone-colored mortar will be used at all joints.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the replacement newels and front handrails is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the replacement newels and front handrails. The Preservation Committee commends the applicant on a very thorough and well-documented presentation, and on a very comprehensive, sensitive, high-quality approach to this restoration project.

*Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 4-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 140 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application #13-8160 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of windows without Landmarks Preservation Commission permit(s) and to establish a Master Plan governing the future installation of windows.**

**Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- The original windows were multi-paned, double-hung wood windows, painted a light color. The four vertical columns of large window openings each contained three operable six-over-six double-hungs, with two window posts. The narrow center column of windows, and the single narrow column of lot-line windows on the north end of the west-facing façade contained single nine-over-nine double hungs.
- All the original windows were replaced by dark-colored metal windows 35 years ago.
- Within the larger openings, the replacement windows are tri-partite, with two one-over one double hungs flanking a central fixed pane of glass. The widths of the operable double-hungs vary between the different wider window openings. The two different tripartite designs are both dissimilar from the three equal-width, double-hungs originally contained in these large openings.
- The center column line of windows and the narrow lot line windows are one-over-one double hungs.
- The proposal calls for replicating the irregular composition of the current replacement windows, so that old replacement windows would be replaced in kind with new dark metal windows in a similar haphazard manner.
- The panning from the old replacement windows would be removed so that the new metal replacement windows would be panned only over the original window frames.
- In visually comparing the original and the existing facades, it is evident that a significant part of the architectural detail of the original building was derived from the design and details of the fenestration.
- Given that a Master Plan is a forward-looking document, guiding window restoration and replacement work over time, the CB7 Preservation Committee feels very strongly that the new window type, in single units and in multiples, should look to the original window design as a model. While the new windows do not need to be built of the same material as the original windows, they SHOULD be the same with respect to:
  - i. configuration (i.e. singles and equal-width triples separated by posts (structural mullions)
  - ii. operation (i.e. double-hung)
  - iii. details, where possible
  - iv. finish and color (light-toned paint.)
- The Master Plan may also propose locations for the installation of window air conditioner units, in order to establishing a consistent pattern of unit placement within the vertical rows of windows.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the previously installed windows, and the proposed Window Master Plan are inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the design of the previously installed windows, and the proposed Window Master Plan.

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: St. Paul the Apostle Church (2-18 Columbus Ave, between 59th and 60th Streets.) Proposal to designate the structure as an individual landmark.**

**Full Board Vote: 30 In Favor 1 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

This resolution is based on the following facts:

The building was constructed during the period 1876-85, and is believed to be one of the first church buildings constructed on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

The design of the building is attributed both to architect Jeremiah O'Rourke and to Father George Deshon. While the interior of the church should not be considered as a basis for landmark designation, it is noteworthy that the building includes elements designed and constructed under Stanford White, John LaFarge, and St. Gaudens.

The exterior is faced with rusticated Tarrytown granite, using stones that were reportedly salvaged from the old Croton Aqueduct.

The structure is in the Gothic revival style, with matching carillon-like towers (reportedly unfinished) flanking the main entrance reached by a curving stone semi-circular stair rising from the sidewalk. The towers and an arcade linking them above the main entrance feature pointed arch openings, with lancet windows on the second story continuing around the West 60<sup>th</sup> Street elevation.

A 60-foot-wide horizontal bas-relief decoration appears above the exterior of the main entrance on Columbus Avenue, featuring figures in white Travertine marble set against a bold blue glass mosaic background. The bas-relief was designed by American muralist Lumen Martin Winter and fabricated at Pierotti Studios in Genoa, Italy, and was installed and dedicated in 1959.

The excess development rights associated with the parcel on which the church stands were transferred to an adjoining lot on West 59<sup>th</sup> Street that is now occupied by a new building.

This building was included in *New York Landmarks: An Index of Architecturally Historic Structures in New York City*, compiled by the Municipal Art Society and the Society of Architectural Historians and published in 1957 (several years prior to the adoption of the current New York City Landmarks Preservation statutes).

The structure remains an intact example of Gothic Revival architecture, and a calming anchor at the seam between commercial midtown and the residential Upper West Side.

Now, Therefore, Community Board 7/Manhattan urges that the Landmarks Preservation Commission designate the Church of St. Paul the Apostle an individual landmark, and that the City Council confirm such designation.

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Request for secondary street naming for P.O. Seraphin Calabrese and P.O Joseph Keegan.**

**Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the request by Transit District One to secondarily name the southeast corner of 60th Street and Broadway, near the subway entrance at the Trump building, for P.O. Seraphin Calabrese and P.O Joseph Keegan, who were killed in the line of duty at the 59/CC subway station. Both officers were shot to death in 1980 in separate incidents.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.*



**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Newsstand, N/W/C Broadway and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.**

**Full Board Vote: 19 In Favor 10 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** application #1266882 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Joseph Zaheer to construct and operate a newsstand at the Northwest corner of Broadway and West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

*Committee: 5-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-1-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 969 Columbus Avenue, Special Radio Disp. Corp. (West 107<sup>th</sup>- 108<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 25 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** application #B02228 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Special Radio Disp. Corp. for renewal of their For Hire Base Station license.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 981 Columbus Avenue, New Superior Radio Group, Corp. (West 108<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 25 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** application #B01768 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Superior Radio Group, Corp. for renewal of their For Hire Base Station license.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

RESOLUTION

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Proposal to remove news boxes in Community District 7.**

**Full Board Vote: 27 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- The City of New York voted to approve the placement of News Boxes on intersections in CB7, in 2002 and 2004.
- Multiple news boxes have been installed by various periodicals and vendors under the assumptions that said vendors would assume responsibility for the maintenance of same and would replenish them necessary via an agreement reached with the City of New York, including abiding by the provisions of **Law Local law 23** in 2002 and **Local Law 36**, (revised in 2004).
- Said Local Laws requires News Box operators to affix said operators company name, address, telephone number, and email address, if any, on the News Boxes in a readily visible location, and mandated that **“In no event shall utilize a post office box be considered an acceptable address for purposes of this paragraph.”**
- At least one company controlling over 1,400 news racks throughout Manhattan, has only a **post office box** and a contact number that has been **disconnected**, allowing no means of being reached to rectify an issue with a news rack.
- The required contact phone numbers on many boxes have been disconnected, there is no directory assistance number for many of them, no required office addresses on many.
- Many news boxes are empty, extremely dirty, and damaged or otherwise vandalized, and in states of disrepair.
- Many news boxes that contain the appropriate materials are so vandalized with graffiti and dirt to the extent that members of the general public would not even bother to open them in the assumption that they have been abandoned.
- There are empty, dirty unused News Boxes at almost every intersection from Columbus Avenue from 59<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup>, and from 59<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> from Amsterdam to Broadway.
- Local Laws 23 and 36 require that; Each News Box shall be maintained in a clean and neat condition and shall be kept in good repair. **Any person who owns or is in control of said news boxes shall be required to monitor each News Rack so that it is kept “clean and free of graffiti”, and “other unauthorized writing, painting, drawing, or other markings or inscriptions and must be kept in good repair.”** In the event that after notification to said news rack operators and upon their failure to remedy said conditions as prescribed by said laws.
- If the commissioner renders a decision upholding the finding of a violation against the respondent upon default or after a hearing held pursuant to paragraph one of this subdivision, and the violation is not remedied within seven days of receipt of the decision of the board, the commissioner or his or her designee is authorized to provide for the removal of such news box and any contents thereof to a place of safety. If such news box and any contents thereof are not

claimed within thirty days after their removal by a person entitled to their return, they shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be either sold at a public auction

- In the past several months, additional news racks from other news papers have been added to these already congested intersections which may also ultimately not be properly regulated as required, and
- The city agencies responsible for overseeing the compliance to the aforementioned rules and regulations are apparently unable to enforce the compliance or remove of news racks not in compliance, resulting in an inordinate number of empty, dirty or otherwise defaced news racks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan votes to remove all news racks that are currently not in compliance with any applicable law, ordinance or regulation, as authorized by Section 19-128.1 of Chapter 1 of title 19 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Health & Human Services**

**Re: Coalition United to End Homelessness.**

**Full Board Vote: 26 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

- By the end of 2012, more than 57,000 people, including 22,000 children, slept each night in City shelters or on the street. The numbers of homeless each night has increased 58% since 2002, and the number of homeless families has increased by 68% over the same period. The lack of affordable housing and the cut-backs in rental assistance have contributed greatly to this. Prioritizing homeless policies and programs is an important factor for the new City administration which will come in with the elections. Little is being said about homelessness in candidate forums. In late 2012, a cross-section of homeless and housing advocates, providers, and faith leaders came together to speak in a unified voice during the 2013 Mayoral campaign, about creating real solutions for their clients, neighbors and friends who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This coalition, United to End Homelessness, has been endorsed by over one hundred groups, such as Coalition for the Homeless, Citizen's Committee for Children, Goddard Riverside, Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing, Community Service Society, Episcopal Diocese of New York, Harlem United, The Legal Aid Society, Pratt Area Community Council, and United Neighborhood Houses.
- The goal of the group is to make ending homelessness and expanding affordable housing a top mayoral priority. This will be done by attending candidate forums, contacting candidates, and reaching out to the media. There will be no endorsements, but a chance for candidates to share with the voters their plans to end homelessness, and encouragement for them to include it as a priority issue

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan supports the goals of the Coalition United to End Homelessness.

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 286 Columbus Avenue (West 73<sup>rd</sup> – 74<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** re-apply application DCA# 1231072 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wine and Roses Bar and Cafés, LLC, d/b/a Wine & Roses, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats, on the condition that restaurateur re-posts flyers and attends the June 6 Full Board meeting with list of posting dates and locations.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:**

**Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the following unenclosed café renewal applications:

- **225 Columbus Avenue** (West 70<sup>th</sup> – 71<sup>st</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 0982077 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mare Mare, Inc., d/b/a Bistro Cassis, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.  
*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.*
- **261 Columbus Avenue** (West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1111397 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PGGG Gourmet, Inc., d/b/a Columbus Gourmet Food, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats.  
*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.*
- **370 Columbus Avenue** (West 77<sup>th</sup> – 78<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1337067 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gari International, Inc., d/b/a Gari, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.  
*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*
- **384 Columbus Avenue** (West 78<sup>th</sup> -79<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1190075 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 384 Columbus Avenue Associates, d/b/a Ocean Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 53 seats.  
*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*
- **201 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 1125981 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Renolta, LLC, d/b/a Nice Matin, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 68 seats.  
*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*
- **435 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1387587 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 357 Hospitality, Inc., d/b/a Spice, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats.  
*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*
- **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1204137 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EKD Tavern, Inc., d/b/a Dead Poet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 11 seats.  
*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*
- **466 Columbus Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> - 83<sup>rd</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1318895 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Blossom Restaurant & Café, Inc., d/b/a Café Blossom, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.  
*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*



**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 485 Columbus Avenue (West 83<sup>rd</sup> – 84<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapprove without prejudice** renewal application DCA# 1249725 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, d/b/a Cilantro NYC, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats, pending documentation of the postings before June 4 Full-Board and submission of photos of logo on the bike delivery helmets and uniforms.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 2799 Broadway (West 108<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 26 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1394145 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 2799 Broadway Grocery, LLC, d/b/a Cascabel Taqueria, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 44 seats.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 949 Columbus Avenue (West 107<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 25 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1463073 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 949 Columbus Avenue, Inc., d/b/a Lura, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats, with the following stipulations: live music ceases after 11 p.m., Monday through Sunday; patrons will not have access to the rear yard, nor will smoking by staff be allowed in that area.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 269 Columbus Avenue (West 72<sup>nd</sup> – 73<sup>rd</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 21 In Favor 5 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1392078/ ULURP# N110352ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 72<sup>nd</sup> & Columbus Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a AG Kitchen, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 34 seats.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Committee of Origin: Steering**

**Re: Resolutions at Borough Board re Senator Hoylman's SLA Bills.**

**Full Board Vote A: 22 In Favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

**Full Board Vote B: 24 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan endorses:

(a) S3075/A5356 (S-Hoylman; A-Gottfried) – empowers SLA to include certain terms and conditions in the method of operations for licensed premises (enabling enforcement).

(b) S3077/A6073 (S-Hoylman; A-Glick) – requires SLA to include on its website information contained in the method of operations for a licensed premises, allowing ready access to that information for enforcement and other purposes.

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: June 4, 2013**

**Re: Goddard Riverside's Continued Operation of the Escalera Head Start Program at 169 West 87th Street, Manhattan.**

**Full Board Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present**

This resolution is based on the following facts:

Goddard Riverside Community Center is a cradle-to-grave human services organization that seeks to meet the most basic needs of the residents of Manhattan's Upper West Side and West Harlem, with a particular focus on those living at the margins of our society.

The manner in which Goddard seeks to help meet those needs is as significant as their success in doing so. Goddard builds programs that engage and empower the populations they serve, building community and cohesiveness along with a network for mutual support. The strong sense of community evident in Goddard's efforts is reflected in the focus on social justice and community action for the benefit of all Upper West Siders and Harlem residents -- not just those served by Goddard's many programs.

Goddard's consistent record of running successful programs serving the public at virtually every age, from pre-school to seniors, is enviable, demonstrating the power of combining best practices in providing services with social action and community building.

The Escalera Head Start program was founded by Goddard in the 1970s as a means of supporting early childhood education among families who had no or few options for early learning environments. The program was later administered under the aegis of the community-based organization St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center in the same space, and in 2011 St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's was merged back into Goddard.

Goddard, directly or through St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's, has been a guiding force in serving at risk families and leveling the playing field for early learners.

Shortly after St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's was merged into Goddard in 2011, Goddard submitted its proposal for the Escalera program under the then-new ACS Early Learn program, one of five early childhood proposals submitted by Goddard.

Goddard was duly awarded Early Learn contracts for all five early childhood proposals, including for Escalera Head Start, in May 2012, bringing the phase of competitive bidding to a successful conclusion.

ACS notified Goddard in September 2012 that, due to a technical problem in ACS's own bidding documents (concerning ACS's providing an incorrect address in its documents), the bidding for Escalera Head Start would need to be recommenced. Site visits and RFP discussions ensued.

In late May 2013, more than a year after it was awarded the Escalera contract, ACS notified Goddard that it would not be awarded the contract to the operate Escalera Head Start program, effectively rescinding the prior award, and that instead a competitive bidder was being recommended.

The purported winning bidder is an organization with roots in Queens, but little or no experience with or connection to operating programs in the Upper West Side and West Harlem communities.

Operating a successful community program requires more than technical skills and rote mechanical application of a list of services. The best-run programs in our community are ones that have a long history of connection to our neighborhoods, that value the creation of community and social interaction among all affected populations as much as the completion of a collection of tasks.

Escalera Head Start is a worthy example of the added dimension necessary to transform an adequate program into a true success. By combining best practices in early childhood education with the social justice and social services for the larger community, Goddard brings that extra dimension to a true success.

For example, Goddard's operation of Escalera Head Start includes outreach to and support of the parents and caregivers of the children it serves. Goddard's extensive cradle-to-grave network of services means that the organization is fully competent to make referrals and offer services to parents and caregivers without missing a beat, whether the referrals are to programs run in the community by Goddard itself or by other CBOs with whom Goddard has been collaborating for decades.

In doing so, Goddard breathes life into stock phrases about the parents being the most important educators of their children. Goddard goes the extra step to educate, support and empower those parents and caregivers.

There is no substitute for such history and connections, and no way to adequately assess the benefit Goddard's experience and inter-connection within our community on a check-off chart in evaluating Goddard's application.

Therefore, Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves to express its grateful appreciation and esteem for Goddard Riverside Community Center, and in particular its inter-connected provision of caring, community-focused services to children and parents/caregivers alike under the umbrella of its Escalera Head Start Program; and

CB7 further resolves to support Goddard Riverside Community Center's appeal of ACS's decision and reclaim the award for the Escalera Head Start program that had been duly and appropriately awarded to Goddard Riverside Community Center prior to the technical issue with ACS's offering documents, and recommends that the contract for the Escalera Head Start Program be awarded to Goddard Riverside Community Center.